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# H. R. 260

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1969

Mr. McMILLAN (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

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## A BILL

To authorize the Administrator of General Services Administration to contract for the construction of certain parking facilities on federally owned property in the District of Columbia.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Parking Facili-  
4       ties Act of 1967".

5       SEC. 2. Congress hereby finds that within the District  
6       of Columbia a shortage of offstreet parking spaces exists in  
7       the immediate vicinity of public buildings, Senate and House  
8       Office Buildings, national shrines, and in the areas visited by  
9       millions of citizens from all States of the Union who visit  
10      the Nation's Capital annually, and that such shortage creates

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1 a parking and transportation problem for employees of the  
2 Federal Government and members of the public visiting Fed-  
3 eral buildings and their elected Members of Congress. There-  
4 fore, in order to facilitate the business of the United States  
5 and provide for the needs of citizens visiting the Nation's  
6 Capital, it is necessary to provide for the construction, opera-  
7 tion, and maintenance of certain parking facilities for the  
8 Government, its officers and employees, and for members of  
9 the public transacting business with and visiting with the  
10 Government.

11 SEC. 3. (a) The Administrator of General Services  
12 (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") is author-  
13 ized to contract for the construction, alteration, maintenance  
14 and operation in connection with local, qualified, free enter-  
15 prise parking operators, of such facilities on, above, or below  
16 Federal properties in the District of Columbia as he deter-  
17 mines necessary to carry out this Act.

18 (b) The Administrator is authorized to fix fees for the  
19 use of parking facilities provided subject to this Act. The  
20 fees fixed for officers and employees of the Federal Govern-  
21 ment shall be nominal and shall be fixed taking into consid-  
22 eration the proximity of the parking facility to their place  
23 of employment. All proceeds from leases, fees, and other  
24 charges collected by the Administrator under this Act shall  
25 be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

1 (c) The Administrator is authorized to make such rules  
2 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act,  
3 which shall include, but not be limited to, hours of operation,  
4 general administration, management, allocation of parking  
5 spaces, and criteria for assignment of parking spaces.

6 (d) The Administrator is authorized to lease parking  
7 facilities to carry out this Act and to contract with local,  
8 experienced, parking operators for the operation of any  
9 parking facility. Each such lease and each such contract  
10 shall—

11 (1) state the amount of the parking fees to be  
12 charged users of each facility,

13 (2) authorize official Government-owned vehicles  
14 being used for Government business to park without  
15 charge,

16 (3) authorize the lessee or contractor during spe-  
17 cific nonworking hours to permit the public to use the  
18 parking facility for reasonable fees and to retain, in  
19 whole or in part, the proceeds from such fees,

20 (4) require the lessee or contractor to have in force  
21 at all times during the period of the lease or contract  
22 public liability insurance saving the Government harm-  
23 less from all damages arising out of the operation of the  
24 parking facility, and

1           (5) contain such other provisions as may be neces-  
2       sary to protect the interests of the United States.

3       (e) The Administrator is authorized to commence im-  
4       mediate studies for the construction of multilevel parking  
5       facilities under the Mall, the Ellipse, and at such other loca-  
6       tions as he deems proper to substantially relieve the offstreet  
7       parking congestion in the downtown retail area of the city,  
8       with a view to establishment of approximately two thousand  
9       to three thousand parking spaces at each location which will  
10      be devoted primarily to the needs of the visiting public.

11      (f) The Administrator is authorized to carry out any  
12      construction or alteration authorized by this Act by contract  
13      if he deems it to be most advantageous to the United States.

14      SEC. 4. There is hereby created and established a body  
15      politic and corporate of perpetual duration, to be known as  
16      the "Federal Parking Facilities Advisory Board" (herein-  
17      after called the "Advisory Board"). The Advisory Board  
18      shall be composed of five members acting under the chair-  
19      manship of the Administrator, consisting of the Commissioner  
20      of Public Buildings of General Services or his designee, a  
21      designee of the Department of the Interior, a designee of the  
22      National Park Service, and two designees of the private  
23      enterprise parking industry of the District of Columbia.  
24      Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compen-  
25      sation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of necessary

1 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The  
2 Administrator is authorized to appoint an Executive Secre-  
3 tary subject to the Classification Act of 1949, and to employ  
4 such other personnel as he considers necessary for the proper  
5 performance of this Act.

6 SEC. 5. (a) No appropriation shall be made to con-  
7 struct or alter any parking facility, involving an expenditure  
8 in excess of \$100,000, if such construction or alteration has  
9 not been approved by resolutions adopted by the Committee  
10 on Public Works of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
11 respectively. For the purpose of securing consideration of  
12 such approval, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a  
13 prospectus of the proposed parking facility, including (but  
14 not limited to) —

15 (1) a brief description of the parking facility and  
16 real property on which the facility is to be constructed,  
17 acquired, altered, or leased;

18 (2) the locating of the parking facility;

19 (3) the estimated maximum cost to the United  
20 States of the proposed parking facility;

21 (4) a statement by the Administrator that a suit-  
22 able offstreet parking facility owned by the Government  
23 is not available and that suitable offstreet parking is not  
24 otherwise available at fees commensurate with those to  
25 be afforded by the proposed action; and

1           (5) a statement of parking fees and costs currently  
2       being paid by the Government, its officers and employees,  
3       and members of the visiting public to Federal buildings  
4       who would be served by the proposed parking facility.

5       (b) The estimated cost of any project approved under  
6 this section as set forth in the prospectus may be increased  
7 by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, as  
8 determined by the Administrator, in construction or alteration  
9 costs, as the case may be, from the date of transmittal of such  
10 prospectus to Congress, but in no event shall the increase  
11 authorized by this subsection exceed 10 per centum of such  
12 estimated maximum cost.

13       SEC. 6. In carrying out his duties under this Act, the  
14 Administrator shall take such action as may be necessary to  
15 insure the equitable distribution of parking facilities through-  
16 out the District of Columbia with due regard for the compara-  
17 tive urgency of need for such facilities, and to that end shall  
18 take into consideration the availability of public transporta-  
19 tion, other public as well as commercial offstreet parking  
20 facilities, and municipal, regional, and other planning for the  
21 future extension or improvement of public transportation and  
22 parking facilities.

23       SEC. 7. As used under this Act—

24           (1) The term “parking facility” means any struc-  
25       ture designed for offstreet parking for motor vehicles of

1 the Government, its officers and employees, and mem-  
2 bers of the public visiting the Nation's Capital.

3 (2) The term "construct" and "alter" include  
4 preliminary planning, engineering, architectural, legal,  
5 fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys,  
6 design, plans, working drawings, specifications, pro-  
7 cedures, and other similar actions necessary for the  
8 construction or alteration of a parking facility.

9 (3) The term "United States" includes the District  
10 of Columbia.

11 (4) The term "Government" means any depart-  
12 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the executive branch  
13 of the Federal Government including any wholly owned  
14 Government corporation and any establishment in the  
15 legislative or judicial branch of the Government except  
16 the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Architect  
17 of the Capitol and any activities under his direction.

18 (5) The term "qualified" free enterprise parking  
19 operator means an operator, financially responsible, with  
20 a proven record of large-scale, efficient operation.

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